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1. SAN JOSE DAILY LA REPUBLICA, CITING UN-NAMED OFFICIAL SOURCES,
REPORTED 7 SEPTEMBER THE POSSIBILITY THAT "LATIN AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENTS WOULD APPEAL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA
TO AVOID MORE BLOODSHED IN NICARAGUA". THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO
SPECULATE THAT SUCH COULD BE THE RESULT OF THE CURRENT COSTA RICAN
INITIATIVE TOWARD FORMING A COMMON POSITION WITHIN CENTRAL AMERICA.

2. IN EDITORIAL IN SAME EDITION, LA REPUBLICA CALLS THE COSTA
RICAN INITIATIVE WELL-INTENTIONED BUT BUT DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS
ACTION, DOOMED TO FAILURE. IT PARTICULARLY CRITICIZES THE STATE-
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MENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER CALDERON, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR
HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA, ON THE GOCR PREOCCUPATION OVER
THE EFFECTS ON COSTA RICA AND THE REST OF CENTRAL AMERICA WERE
NICARAGUA TO FALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS OF
THE FSLN. EDITORIAL CALLS STATEMENT IMPRUDENT AND STATES THAT
"WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THE FSLN IS A REALITY WITHIN THE
STRUGGLE" IN NICARAGUA. THE DESIRABLE GOAL OF BRINGING PEACE TO

NICARAGUA WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE FSLN COMMUNISTS APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE.

3. MORNING NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED (LA REPUBLICA FROM SAME SOURCES AS ABOVE, LA NACION CITING SOURCE AS CASA PRESIDENCIAL) THAT PRESIDENT CARAZO HAD SPOKEN TELEPHONICALLY ABOUT NICARAGUA WITH THE GOVERNMENT HEADS OF US, VENEZUELA, COLON8-, MEXICO, JAMAICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ALSO WIDELY REPORTED WAS CALDERON'S STATEMENT IN TEGUCIGALPA DESCRIBING HIS MISSION AND INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE WITHIN NO MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS.
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